

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A laparoscopic instrument comprising:

(a) a housing including a first axial bore, a first actuator rod disposed for axial movement within the first axial bore, and an actuator connected to said first actuator rod;

(b) an elongated body having a diameter less than 5 mm connected to said housing comprising a second axial bore and a second actuator rod connected to said first actuator rod and disposed for axial movement within the second axial bore; and

(c) an operative tip comprising first and second jaws connected to said elongated body for movement between an open position and a closed position in response to axial movement of said second actuator rod, each jaw comprising a pivot portion and a shaft portion and having a respective roller mounted ~~thereon~~ on

said jaw for free rotational movement and each roller having a first end and a second end; and

(d) a respective pair of thrust washers disposed on each shaft portion comprising a proximal thrust washer disposed on the first end of the roller and a distal thrust washer disposed on the second end of the roller and a respective cap fitting securing the roller on the shaft portion through the distal thrust washer;

wherein said pivot portion has an opening for receipt of a rotatable pin pivotally mounting said first and second jaws, wherein rotation of said pin causes said first and second jaws to move between the open position and the closed position.

Claim 2 (original): The laparoscopic instrument according to claim 1 wherein said actuator comprises first and second pivotally connected handles, each handle having an opening for receipt of a user's finger, at least said first handle being connected to said first actuator rod and movable to cause axial movement of said first actuator rod.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The laparoscopic instrument according to claim 3 wherein each roller is removably mounted to a corresponding shaft portion.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The laparoscopic instrument according to claim 3 wherein said second actuator rod comprises a U-shaped extension including first and second arms having opposing tubular pegs and a trough having angled edges for rotation of said rotatable pin in response to axial movement of said second actuator rod and wherein each pivot portion comprises a peg opening for receipt of a respective peg for rotation of said pivot portion about said peg in response to axial movement of said second actuator rod.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for propelling a foreign body along an anatomical duct for accessing and removing the foreign body comprising the steps of:

inserting into an anatomical cavity through a laparoscopic trocar a laparoscopic instrument comprising:

(a) a housing including a first axial bore, a first actuator rod disposed for axial movement within the first axial bore, and an actuator connected to the first actuator rod;

(b) an elongated body having a diameter less than 5 mm connected to said housing comprising a second axial bore and a second actuator rod connected to the first actuator rod and disposed for axial movement within the second axial bore; and

(c) an operative tip comprising first and second jaws connected to said elongated body for movement between an open position and a closed position in response to axial movement of said second actuator rod, each jaw comprising a pivot portion and a shaft portion and having a respective roller mounted thereon on said jaw for free rotational movement and each roller having a first end and a second end; and

(d) a respective pair of thrust washers disposed on each shaft portion comprising a proximal thrust washer disposed on the first end of the roller and a distal thrust washer disposed on the second end of the roller and a respective cap fitting

securing the roller on the shaft portion through the distal thrust washer;

said laparoscopic instrument being inserted in the closed position;

opening the jaws;

closing in part the jaws over an anatomical duct to apply pressure to an interior portion of the duct;

moving the laparoscopic instrument to cause the rollers to rotate over the anatomical duct to propel the foreign body along the duct to an accessible location for removal.

Claims 7-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (original): The method according to claim 6 wherein said actuator comprises first and second pivotally connected handles, each handle having an opening for receipt of a user's finger, at least said first handle being connected to said first actuator rod and movable to cause axial movement of said first actuator rod and effect opening and closing of the jaws.

Claim 10 (original): The method according to claim 6 wherein the anatomical duct is a member of the group consisting of a common duct, a cystic duct, a biliary duct and a ureter.